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**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**

**Mine Safety and Health Administration**

**Proposed Information Collection; Qualification/**

Certification Program Request for MSHA Individual

Identification Number (MIIN)

**[OMB Control No. 1219-0143]**

**AGENCY:** Mine Safety and Health Administration, Labor.

**ACTION:** Request for public comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a pre-clearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A). This program helps to assure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. Currently, the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) is soliciting comments concerning the extension of the information collection for updating Qualification/ Certification

Program Request for MSHA Individual Identification Number (MIIN).

**DATES:** All comments must be postmarked or received by midnight Eastern Standard Time on (INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER).

**ADDRESSES:** Comments concerning the information collection requirements of this notice may be sent by any of the methods listed below.

- *Federal E-Rulemaking Portal:*  
<http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments for docket number [MSHA-2013-0030].
- *Regular Mail:* Send comments to MSHA, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances, 1100 Wilson Boulevard, Room 2350, Arlington, VA 22209-3939.
- *Hand Delivery:* MSHA, 1100 Wilson Boulevard, Room 2176, Arlington, VA.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sheila McConnell, Deputy Director, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances, MSHA, at McConnell.Sheila.A@dol.gov (e-mail); 202-693-9440 (voice); or 202-693-9441 (facsimile).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Background**

Section 101(a) of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977 (Mine Act) requires the Secretary to develop, promulgate, and revise as may be appropriate, improved mandatory health or safety standards for the protection of life and prevention of injuries in coal or other mines. Under section 103(a)(2), authorized representatives of the Secretary of Labor or Secretary of Health and Human Services must make frequent inspections and investigations in coal or other mines each year for the purpose of gathering information with respect to mandatory health or safety standards.

The Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) issues certifications, qualifications and approvals to the nation's miners to conduct specific work within the mines. Miners requiring qualification or certification from MSHA will register for an "MSHA Individual Identification Number" (MIIN). This unique number is used in place of individual Social Security numbers (SSNs) for all MSHA collections. The MIIN identifier fulfills Executive Order 13402, Strengthening Federal Efforts Against Identity Theft, which requires Federal agencies to better secure government held data.

## **II. Desired Focus of Comments**

MSHA is particularly interested in comments that:

- Evaluate whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information has practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the MSHA's estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

OMB clearance requests are available on MSHA's website at <http://www.msha.gov> under "Federal Register Documents" on the right side of the screen by selecting "New and Existing Information Collections and Supporting Statements". The document will be available on MSHA's website for 60 days after the publication date of this notice, and on <http://www.regulations.gov>. Because comments will not be edited to remove any identifying or contact information, MSHA cautions the commenter against

including any information in the submission that should not be publicly disclosed.

The public may also examine publicly available documents at MSHA, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances, 1100 Wilson Boulevard, Room 2350, Arlington VA.

Questions about the information collection requirements may be directed to the person listed in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION section of this notice.

### **III. Current Actions**

This request for collection of information contains provisions for the extension of the Information Collection Request Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations; Qualification/ Certification Program Request for MSHA Individual Identification Number (MIIN). MSHA does not intend to publish the results from this information collection and will display the expiration date on the instrument.

There are no certification exceptions identified and this information collection and the collection of this information does not employ statistical methods.

*Type of Review:* Extension

*Agency:* Mine Safety and Health Administration

*Title:* Qualification/ Certification Program Request for MSHA Individual Identification Number (MIIN)

*OMB Number:* 1219-0143

*Affected Public:* Business of other for-profit

*Total Number of Respondents:* 16,000

*Frequency:* On occasion

*Total Number of Responses:* 16,000

*Total Burden Hours:* 1,333 hours

*Total Annual Respondent or Recordkeeper Cost Burden:* \$752

*MSHA Forms:* MSHA Form 5000-46, MSHA Individual

*Identification Number Request (MIIN)*

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: November 25, 2013.  
George F. Triebsch,  
*Certifying Officer.*

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